EQUITY RESEARCH



COMPANY	EQ Resources (ASX:EQR)	27 February 2023				
MCAP	\$79M \$0.054/share					
RECOMMENDATION	Buy and PT \$0.12/share, High Risk					
EVENT	Positive drill results add multiple opportunities to extend					

Key Points:

- EQR is reporting exploration success pathing the way for it to **quickly add mine** life as it also approaches first production from the Mt Carbine open pit.
- Results indicate a **high grade mineralized** system exists **only 150m to the west** of the open pit.
- Assay results include the **highest-grade intercepts** to date outside of the open pit mine plan (EQR has made the most of its lower grade endowment thus far but these results are world class).
- Intercepts are at depth and **in proximity to the historic decline** providing access for potential underground mining (rather than open pit).

Hole EQ026 5.95m@0.94% W0 Extension Hole 3 Target Zone

Figure 1: Targets 1, 2 and 3 from November 2022

Source: EQR 2022 AGM presentation

Figure 2: Targets 1 & 3 have been delivered including high grade results (5m at 3.2% against reserve grade 0.33%)



Source: EQR ASX release 27-Feb

Figure 3: The postulated second lobe to the west, has been intercepted by hole EQ031 and proximate to historic decline access



Source: EQR ASX release 27-Feb

Figure 4: Consistent results above 1% indicative of multiple high-grade King Veins outside of the open cut

% Zon	WO ₃ %	Interval	То	From	Azm (TN)	Dip	EOH	RI	North	East	Hole #
;	6.08	0.19	75.3	75.11	64	231	437.6	451	26494.7	22522.7	EQ030
;	2.45	0.23	77.59	77.36							
3	0.68	0.40	129.55	129.15							
Iron D	1.06	0.55	132.41	131.86							
5	18.85	0.10	214.42	214.32							
;	0.46	0.70	221.65	220.95							
5	11.95	0.41	387.66	387.25							
2	0.02	0.27	389.45	389.18							
Blut	2.20	0.10	391.41	391.31							
	17.40	0.72	392.76	392.04							
5	0.96	0.30	396.89	396.59							
;	0.76	0.53	405.49	404.96							
)	0.20	0.74	140.84	140.1	45	45	261.3	386	26139.6	22368.9	EQ031
lolant	3.89	1.19	142.03	140.84							
1	0.37	0.89	142.92	142.03							
Blut	1.03	0.13	41.75	41.62	45	66	120.1	406	26281.6	22525.3	EQ032
3 Johns	0.53	0.29	38.57	38.28	45	41	102.3	403	26225.2	22377.8	EQ033
Blut	1.13	0.33	63.76	63.43							

- Intervals represent downhole depth, not true thickness with no applied upper cut

- Hightlight (**bold**) intervals represent where King-Veins have been intersected above 1% WO₃ grade

Source: EQR ASX release 27-Feb

Figure 5: Tungsten peer group exhibits typically low grades, G6M is a leader outside of China to close to 1%, EQR's exploration success may be indicative of a significant potential lift in average resource grade

Company			\$	Share Price (local)	Mkt Cap A\$m or Iocal	Mkt Cap US\$m	Net Debt (\$m)	EV (A\$m or local)	Resource (MT)	Grade WO ₃ %	Resource WO ₃ Contained (kt)	EV/WO ₃ Resource (Mt) (US\$)
Group 6 Metals	G6M	ASX	AUD	0.17	126.1	80.7	6.9	133.1	11.2	0.90%	101	843.5
EQ Resources	EQR	ASX	AUD	0.054	79.1	50.6	5.0	84.1	32.3	0.23%	76	711.5
Almonty Industries	All	ASX, TSE	CAD	0.70	127.3	93.0	60.1	187.5	80.4	0.36%	289	472.9
Tungsten Mining NL	TGN	ASX	AUD	0.10	86.5	55.4	-15.3	71.2	354.0	0.12%	425	107.3
Tungsten West Plc	LSE:TUN	LSE	GBP	0.25	44.2	47.3	-27.3	16.9	328.0	0.12%	394	46.0
Northcliff Resources	TSX:NCF	TSX	CAD	0.06	7.5	5.5	-1.7	5.8	334.4	0.07%	221	19.3
Rafaella Resources	RFR	ASX	AUD	0.04	18.6	11.9	-1.0	17.7	10.3	0.18%	19	609.5
W Resources	LSE:WRES	LSE	GBP	0.03	3.9	N/A	57.9	61.8	53.5	0.11%	61	N/A
Fireweed	FWZ	TSX	CAD	0.91	83.0	63.8	-6.0	89.0	44.8	0.80%	359	187.7
Saloro SLU	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.26	7	N/A

Source: Company releases, PAC Partners analysis, IRESS pricing data

View / Investment case / Valuation

- The **higher-grade system** identified may contain **more minable ore** (higher grades) than the open pit we in our valuation.
- We value the open pit and low-grade stockpile at **>\$170m**.
- EQR's market capitalization is just \$75m and thanks to a combination of streaming agreements, critical minerals grants and other debt/equity capital, is funded into open pit production.

• Our initiation report <u>Small start, significant potential</u>, highlighted that EQR was a **smaller tungsten operation** compared to peers and **future exploration success was needed** to add mine life and valuation. These results seem indicative of success along that pathway.

Catalysts / Expected news-flow from here:

- In coming weeks:
 - Final regulatory approvals to commence open pit mining (or otherwise).
 - Resource update is due (current resource: 32.3Mt @0.23% for total 76kt of WO3).
- **Mid-yea**r: Cashflow should step up significantly as open pit mining commences (processing grade increases from 0.07% Low Grade Stockpile to 0.33% open pit reserve).
- **2H 2022**: **Mine life extension** via Underground Feasibility or Open Pit Extension studies (current life is 4 years of 0.33% open pit ore plus 10 years low grade stockpile 0.07% ore).
- **Expanding horizons**: EQR's success at Mt Carbine would path the way for it to add further tungsten mining opportunities (Mt Carbine lies within a historical tungsten region with multiple known historical tungsten deposits) and/or further cooperation with industry partners (offtake customer and processing JV partner Cronimet has been instrumental in getting EQR to the point it is at today).
- Reiterate BUY recommendation and target price \$0.12c

Most recent full note:

EQ Resources (EQR) (tungsten): <u>Small start, significant potential</u> (Dec-22, mcap \$55m, upside 140%)

EQUITY RES	EARCH	B PAC PARTNERS				
COMPANY	EQ Resources (ASX:EQR)	7 December 2022				
МСАР	A\$65M \$0.047/share					
RECOMMENDATION	Buy and PT \$0.12/share, High Risk					
EVENT	Initiation Report: Tungsten, smaller start, significant potential					
KEY POINTS	 A critical mineral operation already in production and generating cash. Company strategy offers incremental value at lower capital risk. Ahead of higher-grade ore in 2023, skilled management team have economically proven ore processing at very low grades and current scale. Incremental growth from low capex, fully funded development, generating IRR of ~120% at lower risk NPV/capex ~10x. Profitable quarry business provides downside protection. Strong partnership with global metals business Cronimet covering aspects of operations, offtake and funding. 					
VALUATION: 50% TO BASE CASE + FURTHER UPSIDE	Our valuation \$187m or \$0.13/share per basic share (\$0.12/share diluted) based on a firm tungsten price that is driven by an industry wide supply decline against					

healthy demand growth, and mine life of 14 years on current reserves plus a three year extension to the open pit.

LINK TO INITIATION REPORT: RR EQR 2022 12 07 INITIATION

INVESTMENT VIEW

The tungsten industry features projects that are either **in operation** - but marginal due to inflated operating costs or **pre-production** - and facing development setbacks. However, EQR is operating and redeveloping the historic Mt Carbine mine, and having proven its ore sorting and processing methods, exhibits a low market cap relative to potential valuation.

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Recommendation Criteria

Investment View

PAC Partners Investment View is based on an absolute 1-year total return equal to capital appreciation plus yield.

A Speculative recommendation is when a company has limited experience from which to derive a fundamental investment view.

Buy	Hold	Sell
>20%	20% – 5%	<5%

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